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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

File No.

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U.S. 6, Special Branch, REGISTRY

REPORT

No. S. U. D. 2265  
Date January 31, 1941.  
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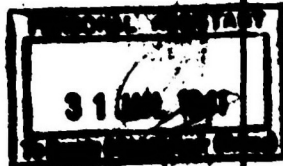
Subject (in full) Para Prince - Present Address of.

Made by D.S.I. Wittinsky, Forwarded by Supt. Mason.

Para Prince alias A. PARAPRINTS, Latvian,  
age 54, who forms the subject of Special Branch File  
No. D. 2265, is now residing at Lane 599, House 66, Tongshan  
Road.

*O. H. H. H.*  
D. S. I.

A.C. (Special Branch).



*Noted*

*W.D. 1/2.  
P. P. Novakoff.*

DATE 1/24/41

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

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S. M. REGISTRY  
C.S.G, Special Branch  
No. S. M. D. 2265  
Date APRIL 17 1939

REPORT

Subject (in full) Para Prince - Present Whereabouts

Made by D. S. Mischenko

Forwarded by

Inspector *E. P. M.*

Para Prince alias A. Paraprints, Latvian, 53 years old, who forms the subject of Special Branch File No. D. 2265, is now residing at Room 1, 121 Macgregor Road.

*C. 1*

*To see*

*M. G. 4*



*D. S. Mischenko.*  
D. S.

D. C. (Special Branch)

*Noted:  
P. Konovalev!  
D.S.I.*

*P. a. 6 D. C. (Crime.)*

**FILED**  
P. A. to D. C. (Sp. Br.)  
*7/4*

## SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

## REPORT

File No.	
C. & S. REGISTRY	
No. S. No. 2285	Station,
at 24. 8. 31.	
Date August 21,	1931

Subject (in full) Para Prince, Watchman, engaged in smuggling of arms.

Made by D.S.I. Ovsiannikoff Forwarded by D.S.I. Telfer

Sir,

With reference to the attached file, I beg to report that on August 10th, 1931, the Russian informer, who conducted negotiations with Para Prince, Latvian, for the sale of arms, came to the office of the Headquarters Crime Branch and informed me that recently Para Prince received a letter from the Chief Steward working on a steamer (name unknown) of the Hamburg America line, who is at present in Hamburg. In his letter the said Steward informed Para Prince that he does not expect to be soon in Shanghai again as he was transferred to another steamer of the same company plying between Hamburg and New York. In view of the fact that there is no further developments in this case at present, I beg to suggest that the file be filed. The activity of Para Prince is watched by the Russian informer.

Y. L.

V. Ovsiannikoff  
D.S.I.

K. W. 2/1

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

H.Q. Crime Branch Station,

REPORT

Date May 29, 1931

Subject (in full) Re statement made by A. N. Bannikoff

Made by D.S. Ovsiannikoff Forwarded by Supt. Yorke

Sir,

With reference to the attached file I beg to report that I located Para Prince living at 210 Alcock Terrace off Tongshan Road. He is still employed as a private watchman on various steamers calling in this port. On May 25th., 1931, I sent my informer to Para Prince with instructions to find out about this arms deal.

Para Prince told the informer that recently while he was on duty on a certain German steamer he met Chief Steward of the steamer, who asked him to find a Chinese buyer for several Mauser pistols of large size. The value of pistol and 100 rounds of ammunition to it was fixed at \$175.00 mex.

Para Prince further stated that this steamer should arrive in Shanghai in a near future and by that time he must have a buyer as arranged. The informer, on my instructions, told Para Prince that he has a Chinese, who recently arrived from interior of China and who is very anxious to buy a good quantity of arms in Shanghai. It was agreed between the informer and Para Prince that the latter should inform him about the arms as soon as the steamer will arrive in the port.

D. S.

D. C. (Crime Branch)

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE  
C. & S. C. REGISTRY  
No. S. D. D. 2262  
Sent 2-19-5-31  
Date May 18, 1931.

Subject (in full) Re statement made by A.N. Bannikoff.

Made by D.S. Makaroff.

Forwarded by *Whitcomb S.D.*

Sir,

With reference to the attached file re Mr. Para Prince, inquiries show that this individual is a Latvian subject who arrived in Shanghai from Harbin some time ago. He is a land surveyor by profession and at the present time is employed by Mr. Kovsky as a watchman for American steamship companies. His duty is to keep watch on ships tied up to wharfs.

It appears that on 19-4-31 A.N. Bannikoff invited Mr. Bates and Para Prince to his house, 108 Route Vallon for dinner. During the evening they all became the worse of drink and Mr. Bates produced his revolver, (Smith & Wesson) with some ammunition and said to them that he would like to sell it to someone. Being very drunk he dropped a few rounds of ammunition which was later picked up by Bannikoff and brought to F.S. Alexandroff. The statement made by Bannikoff to the effect that a large quantity of Colt Automatic pistols and ammunition is to be brought by Mr. Bates from America is extremely doubtful, as according to himself he does not speak English, while Mr. Bates does not understand Russian.

An article was published in the Russian newspaper "Zaria" on May 18, 1931 which stated that A.N. Bannikoff is temporarily detained by the French Police having been urgently brought to the Station on 16-5-31 on account of his violent actions due to his mental condition. Attached is a cutting from the Newspaper "Zaria" and translation of same.

Should any further information be received regarding Para Prince and his alleged dealing in arms, a report will be duly submitted.

Officer in Charge Special Branch.

D. S.

19:5:31

Translation from the Russian Newspaper "Zaria" published on  
18-5-31

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Became insane as a result of being unemployed.

Tragedy of a Russian Emigrant, A. Bannikoff.  
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On Saturday last, a Russian, A.N. Bannikoff, 41 years old, former officer of the Russian Army, residing at 108 Route Vallon, was brought in an ambulance to the French Police Headquarters. Dr. Tarle ~~up examination~~ found A.N. Bannikoff to be in a state of violent mental condition and ordered him to be isolated.

The first signs of insanity appeared a few days ago, when Bannikoff in a violent outbreak tried to strangle his wife, but with the aid of some other people, who live in the same house and heard her crying for help, she was released. A. Bannikoff after this came to his senses and left the house. He returned ~~the~~ next day in company with two friends. It appears that Bannikoff had wandered about all night and in the morning ~~he~~ tried to commit suicide by jumping into the Whampoo, but was seen by friends, who took him home. By that time he had completely lost his reason and could not recognise anyone. The case was reported to the French Police and Dr. Tarle held an examination on Bannikoff, upon which he found him to be in a state of violent mental condition and a danger to the public. As there was no room ~~at~~ the Municipal Mental Ward and the Russian Hospital has no accommodation for this kind of disease, he was temporarily detained at the French Police Station.

According to the opinion of doctors the cause of his condition is due to his depressed state owing to the fact that he could not obtain work and had to keep his family consisting of a wife and two little children.

# Сошел с ума от безработицы.

Драма русского эмигранта А. Банникова.

В субботу, в главное управление французской полиции, амбуланс, был доставлен 6. офицер, русский А. Н. Банников в 41 года, проживающий по рут Виллон, 108, в квартиру из восточной шанхайцам пѣлицы Е. А. Клодницкой.

У А. Н. Банникова д-ром Тарле, было признано серьезное психическое расстройство в тяжелой форме, требующей немедленно изоляции больного.

Как нашему сотруднику было сообщено, болѣзнь А. Банникова явилась для всех окружающих неожиданностью, и впервые проявилась несколько дней тому назад в буйном припадке, когда Банников пытался задушить свою жену.

С помощью подоспѣвших на крики, ее удалось освободить от больного, а послѣдній, успокоившись, одѣлся и ушел из дома, возвратившись только на другой день в сопровождении двух друзей.

Как выяснилось, Банников, гдѣ-то проведя всю ночь, вымазавшись в грязи, переодѣвшись, утром задумал попить чаю в Ванну, но в послѣдний момент был замѣчен своими знакомыми, случайно бывшими вблизи и увезен ими домой.

Болѣзнь развивалась быстрыми шагами и Банников к тому времени уже потерял память и не узнавал свою квартиру и окружающих.

О печальном происшествии

было немедленно же сообщено в полицию, а к больному приглашен д-р Тарле, который установил факт психического расстройства в буйной форме.

Хлопоты о приемѣ заболѣвавшего в госпиталь — услѣдом не уфичались, так как отѣл здравоохраненія не мог, за отсутствием свободных мѣст, принять его для безплатнаго леченія. В госпиталь же Православнаго Братства Банникова принять не могли за неприспособленностью госпиталя для буйных больных.

Положить заболѣвавшего в качестве платнаго больного семья Банникова не имѣет возможности, т. к. находится в крайне тяжелом матеріальном положеніи: в теченіи послѣдняго времени Банников был безработным, перебиваясь случайным заработком на пароходах.

В результатѣ полиция пришлось прибѣгнуть, в виду опасности Банникова в домашней обстановкѣ, — к временному со-

держанію его в специальной камерѣ при полицейском управленіи.

Принявъ участіе в семьѣ заболѣващаго квартиранта состоящей из его жены и двух маленьких дѣтей, — г-жа Клодницкая рѣшила организовать сбор по подписному листу среди знакомых, с тѣм чтобы собрать сумму, необходимую для взноса за леченіе Банникова в психіатрической больницѣ.

По мнѣнію врачей причиной заболѣванія Банникова явилось его угнетенное состояніе, вызванное долгой безработицей и невозможностью обеспечить существованіе своей семьи.

Между прочим, по странному стеченію обстоятельств, в день перваго буйнаго припадка судьба казалось — уланулась несчастному: — ему было сдѣлано предложеніе поступить на хорошо оплачиваемое мѣсто.

К несчастью воспользоваться он уже находясь в ненормальном состояніи, не мог.



Memorandum.

POLICE FORCE,  
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

To *Shanghai. 20-4. 1931.*  
*D.C. Divisions*

*I answered. The  
watchman came today  
& volunteered to  
attend information.  
Perhaps enquiries  
could be made re  
Mr Para Prince?*

*Good  
for ac (PR)  
D.C. (ca 108)*

*Wm Brown*  
D. C. (Divisions)

APR 20 1931

TRANSLATION OF A STATEMENT MADE BY A.M. BANNIKOFF TO F.S. ALEXANDROFF.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL

C. S. I. REC.

No. S. D. 2223

21 - 4 - 31

I, Agap Nikitich Bannikoff, residing at No. 102, Apt. 3, Route Vallon, telephone No. 34159, being employed as a private watchman by Mr. Kovsky, watching steamers of the Oceanic-Oriental Co., Tacoma Steamship Co., etc., state the following.

On April 19 I was watching the s.s. "Golden Dragon" tied up to a buoy opposite the Deller Wharf. Usually these steamers discharge opposite the Shanghai Power Company. An employee of this steamer, a Mr. Bates, asked my assistance in selling his Smith & Wesson Revolver and 150 rounds of ammunition. *Not sold.*

*\* Li. No record in S.O. Sec. of C.P.S.O. Reg. 2/14*  
I was obliged to invite him to my residence where he definitely arranged with a Mr. Para Prince to bring down on the next trip, in about two months time, 1,000 Colt Automatic Pistols and 100 rounds of ammunition for each pistol, at a price of \$370 for each pistol and 100 rounds of ammunition.

When and where the firearms will be handed over was not disclosed in my presence.

(Signed) A. Bannikoff.

20th April 1931.

The address of Mr. Para Prince is 101, Apt. 3 Avenue du Roi Albert.

Сергею Александровичу

Я. Иван Никитич Тренин

представляющий 108/8 Route Kaituma

телеграф 84159, работающий в настоящее

время в качестве вожатого по охране

пароходов у г. Кавенга, который охра-

няет пароходы компании Океаник

Ориенталь сомп. Машина Стіймши

Машины и др. дозволяю следующие:

Во время моего дежурства на паро-

де "Golden dragon" который сходит

на бортах против пристани "Dobai

line co", обычно пароходы разгружают-

ся против электрической станции.

Служащий парохода Mr. Bates просил

моего согласия продать или купить

у него револьвер "150 из. патронов.

Мне пришлось пригласить его к себе

на квартиру, где он окончил  
целовальник с г. Пира Принц в судью.  
новый реж. приблизительно через 2 месяца  
на правды 1000 шт. револьверов  
с 100 патронами каждый по цене 250  
швейц. франк. за револьвер с патронами.

Адрес Пира Принц 108 Авеню  
Альберт. Кварт. Тут же как сообще-  
ние передано, оружие при этом не  
упомянувалось.

А. Франков.

20 апреля 1934.